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TAGS: EAGR, PFOR

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL PREPARATORY GROUP

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM IWC:

QUOTE FROM A CONVERSATION WITH PIZZUTI OF THE EEC COM-  
MISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEXT MEETING OF THE IWC  
PREPARATORY GROUP, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CURRENT COMMUN-  
ITY POSITION IS THAT EVEN IF A COMPROMISE WERE TO BE  
REACHED IN THE GATT AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 7TH  
MAY TO RESOLVE THE PROCEDURAL ISSUES OF THE MTN NEGOTIA-  
TIONS AND IT WAS THEN AGREED TO ESTABLISH A SUB-GROUP ON  
GRAINS - WHICH HE THOUGHT UNLIKELY AT THIS STAGE - THE  
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COMMUNITY WOULD STILL WANT THIS SUB-GROUP TO MEET AT  
LEAST TWO OR THREE TIMES BEFORE IT COULD JOIN IN THE  
TECHNICAL WORK INVISAGED IN THE IWC PREPARATORY GROUP. IF  
THIS IS INDEED CORRECT, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE WOULD

BE LITTLE PURPOSE IN CONVENING AT THE END OF MAY, AS  
ORIGINALLY PLANNED, A MEETING OF THE GROUP WHICH THE  
COMMUNITY WOULD BE UNWILLING TO ATTEND.

QUOTE PERHAPS AN ALTERNATIVE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF  
THE PREPARATORY GROUP MIGHT BE THE MIDDLE OF JUNE. EVEN  
THEN, IT IS NOT CERTAIN AT THIS STAGE WHETHER THE COMMUN-  
ITY WOULD PARTICIPATE. FURTHERMORE, I SUSPECT THERE  
WOULD BE LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR SUCH A MEETING ONLY A WEEK  
OR SO BEFORE THE COUNCIL SESSION SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF  
JUNE. THIS MIGHT MEAN THAT IT COULD IN FACT PROVE IM-  
POSSIBLE TO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY GROUP  
BEFORE THE COUNCIL SESSION. HOWEVER, ARRANGEMENTS COULD  
BE MADE FOR THE GROUP TO MEET IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SESS-  
ION TO TAKE STOCK OF THE SITUATION IN THE HOPE THAT IT  
COULD THEN AGREE ON A TIMETABLE FOR ITS FUTURE PROGRAMME  
OF WORK.

QUOTE THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MAJOR PARTICI-  
PANTS IN THE GROUP, WHOM I AM ALSO CONTACTING, TO DISCUSS  
THE CURRENT POSITION EITHER FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY AT THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE END OF MAY. IN THE  
MEANTIME THE SECRETARIAT IS GOING AHEAD WITH ITS PRE-  
PARATORY WORK AND I HOPE THAT THE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH YOU  
PROMISED AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GROUP WILL SOON BE  
FORTHCOMING. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE. REGARDS PAROTTE END QUOTE.

IN COVERING MEMO FROM PAROTTE HE SAID AUSTRALIA HAS SUB-  
MITTED CONTRIBUTION MENTIONED TOWARDS THE END OF LAST  
PARA.

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